

**III. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

Please replace the drawing sheets containing Figures 9-12, with the attached Replacement Sheets.

#### **IV. REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

##### **A. STATUS SUMMARY**

Claims 3, 5-7, 9-14, 17-19, 21-23, 25-34, 36-38 and 40-46 are pending in the application. Claims 27-33 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to non-elected subject matter; claims 1, 2, 4, 8, 15, 16, 20, 24, 35, 39 and 40 are canceled without prejudice; and claims 3, 13, 23 and 34 are amended to more fully describe the invention. Claims 3, 5-7, 9-14, 17-19, 21-23, 25, 26, 34, 36-38 and 40-46 stand rejected.

##### **B. CLAIM OBJECTION**

Claim 40 is objected to, but has now been canceled.

##### **C. CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 USC § 103(a)**

Claims 3, 5-7, 9-14, 17-19, 21-23, 25, 26, 34, 36-38 and 40-46 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sato et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,132,069) in view of Tchilingirian (U.S. Patent No. 6,588,543). Separately, these claims are also rejected over Tchilingirian in view of Sato et al. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections in view of the amendments made to independent claims 3, 13, 23 and 34.

In each of independent claims 3, 13, 23 and 34 as amended, the recited arm member pivots about a post relative to the recited interface section. This feature is disclosed in the patent application as originally filed, particularly in the drawings. As indicated above, Applicant has made minor amendments to the specification and the drawings to more specifically point out the post. The resulting mounting mechanism is robust and well-adapted to support the mounting of a loudspeaker. By contrast, the mounting mechanism of Sato et al. consists of two thin plates that are pivotably connected by L-shaped tips extending into holes (see Sato et al, Fig. 2, items 38, 39, 57, and 52), and the axis of rotation is not in the nature of a post or equivalent structure.

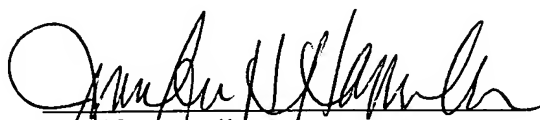
In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are patentable over any combination of Sato et al. and Tchilingirian, and thus respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn and all pending claims be allowed.

**V. CONCLUSION**

In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks above, it is believed that the claims are in a condition for allowance and such favorable consideration is respectfully requested. Should any questions arise or if any additional issues remain, the U.S.P.T.O. is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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